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Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, N.W.

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Honorable Vernon A. Williams

Docket No. AB-364 (Sub-No. 8X), Texas Northeastern Division, Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc. – Discontinuance Exemption—in Lamar and Fannin Counties TV (P. Subdivision between Paris and Bonham, TX)

Cretary Williams.

Dear Secretary Williams:

By letter dated July 24, 2003, in the above-entitled proceeding, the Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP") confirmed to the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board") that it had agreed to transfer its right-of-way between milepost 94.0, near Paris, TX on the east, and milepost 127.5, east of Bonham, TX on the west (the "Line"), to the Fannin Rural Rail Transportation District ("FRRTD") pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 10904. Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 1152.27(f)(2), the Board should approve the transfer and dismiss the notice of exemption for the UP abandonment.

The Texas Northeastern Division, Mid-Michigan Railroad, Inc. ("TNER") operates over the Line pursuant to a lease and filed a notice of exemption to discontinue service over the Line concurrently with UP's notice of exemption to abandon the Line. TNER will not be involved in operating the Line once it is acquired by FRRTD. In order to terminate its common carrier obligation over the Line, TNER respectfully requests the Board to reinstate the discontinuance notice of exemption and to make it effective on the date of service in the same decision that it approves the transaction between UP and FRRTD.

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Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of this letter. Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and return it with our messenger. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, call or email me.

Sincerely yours,

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